

# CONNECT North-South Corridor Study Potential New Transportation Facility from US 60



to Interstate 10

## Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have initiated an engineering and environmental study to identify and evaluate possible transportation routes for a proposed North-South Corridor. The purpose of this study is to provide a connection between US 60 and Interstate 10 and provide access to rapidly growing areas of Pinal County, in order to:

- Address needs identified in local, regional and statewide plans
- Address lack of regional transportation capacity
- Address challenges related to the existing networks and transportation system linkages

The proposed North-South Corridor study area begins at US 60, in the vicinity of Apache Junction and extends south approximately 45 miles to I-10 between Eloy and Marana. The width of the study area will allow for reasonable and feasible transportation corridors to be identified and evaluated.

The study team, led by ADOT and FHWA, will follow the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act to complete an Environmental Impact Statement. The team will consider alternative modes of transportation and identify the location of a possible transportation corridor. A key component of the NEPA process and the overall study will be the involvement of all governmental jurisdictions within the study area, including the public and local stakeholder groups.

## Study Process

The study is anticipated to last approximately three years and will be comprised of three documents:

1. An Environmental Impact Statement: NEPA requires that an EIS be prepared for all major federal actions (or those involving federal funding) that could have a significant effect on the environment. The document will present information about the study's purpose and need; details about the studied alternatives; potential impacts to the social, economic and natural environment, including measures to avoid, reduce or otherwise mitigate impacts; Section 4(f) evaluation; and public and agency outreach.
2. An Alternatives Selection Report: Will identify and assess possible alternative corridors and alignments and a no-build option by working closely with the environmental process and focusing on avoiding, minimizing and/or mitigating conflicts with physical constraints, and man-made and natural resources.
3. A Location/Design Concept Report: Will document the preferred alternative, define initial rights of way, present an implementation plan with project costs and mitigations, and provide preliminary design plans for the preferred alternative.

## Public Participation

Public participation is an important part of the study process. As the study progresses, a variety of participation opportunities will be available to the public, including open houses throughout the study corridor.

You may also visit the study website at [azdot.gov/northsouthcorridorstudy](http://azdot.gov/northsouthcorridorstudy) to stay up-to-date on the study progress and provide input by e-mail.

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## North-South Corridor Study Corridor Opportunity Area

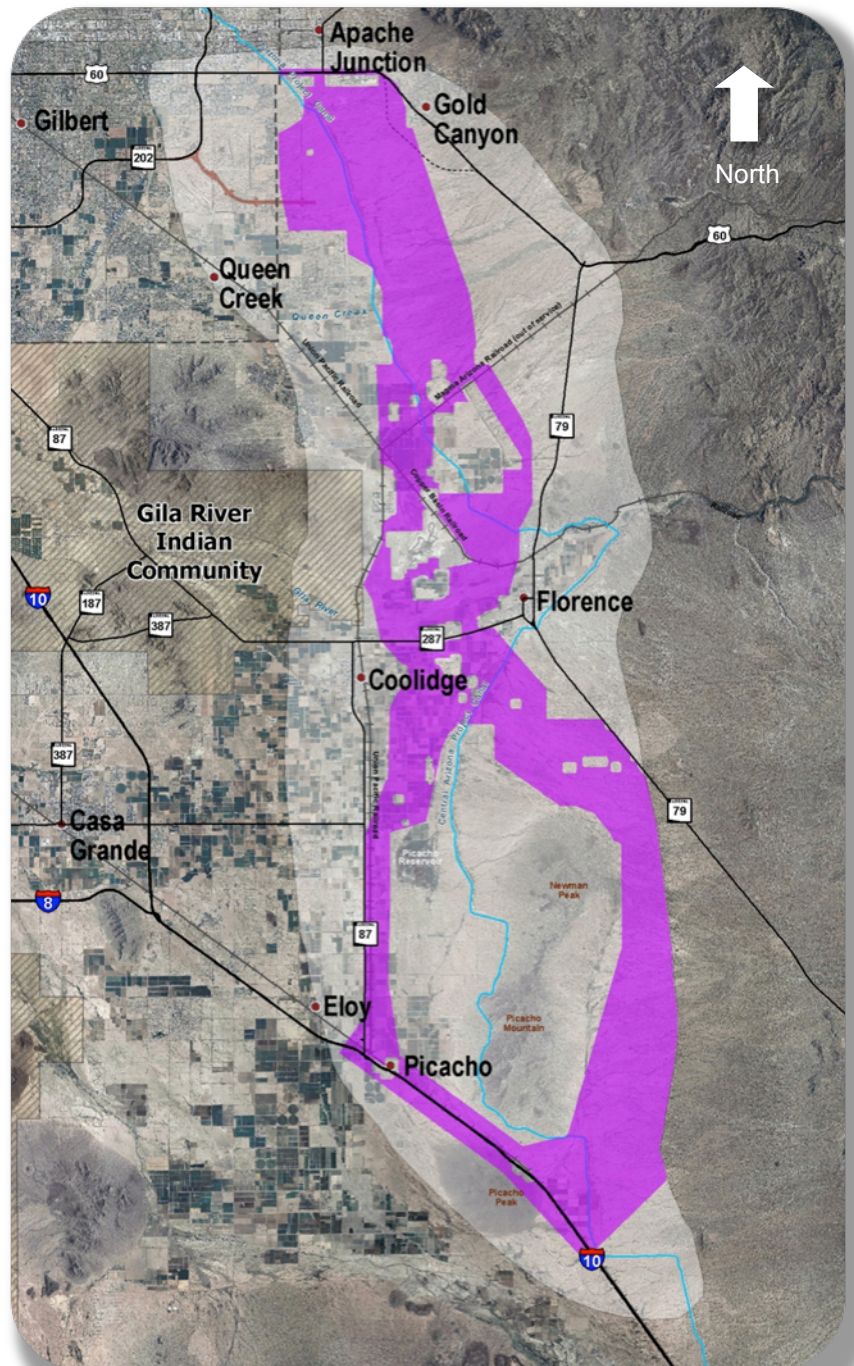
The study team analyzed the existing and planned features within the study area, including:

- Development
- Open space
- Schools
- Parks
- Trails
- Drainage features
- Earth fissures
- Floodplains
- Major utilities
- Places of interest (airports, national parks, military, state prisons)

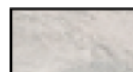
This analysis identified constraints that were then used to refine the initial study area into the preliminary corridor opportunity area.

The corridor opportunity area is preliminary and subject to change in response to comments received during the process.

What else should we consider when looking at future possible corridor locations? We urge you to contact those listed on the fact sheet and provide us your input, or fill out and submit a comment form to let us know!



Corridor Opportunity Area



North-South Study Area